

“NMCB-4 SEABEE NAMED GTMO SAILOR OF THE WEEK”

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Guantanamo Bay Naval Station (GTMO), Cuba – BU2 Robert Ribaric, a member of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FOUR (NMCB 4), currently deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO) was recently recognized as the Naval Station’s “Sailor of the Week.”

Petty Officer Ribaric was at GTMO for less than two weeks when, as a crew leader, he successfully completed a high-profile project, the construction of two SEAhuts for the Joint Task Force (JTF) here at GTMO. They will be used to house equipment being brought in by U.S. and international media for their coverage of the upcoming commission hearings.

A job such as this normally requires a crew of eleven, with ten of them being Builders. What makes BU2 Ribaric’s accomplishments even more impressive is that he was able to complete the task leading a crew of only six personnel with just two Builders among them.

As a crew leader, BU2 Ribaric is responsible for scheduling and teaching the crew proper construction techniques and how to work through problems encountered on the job. Working with a variety of rates and personalities is exactly why he joined the Navy.

Petty Officer Ribaric said, “I joined the Navy to meet different people around the world and better their communities and quality of life through my construction knowledge.”

At the “Sailor of the Week” presentation ceremony, Captain Leslie J. McCoy, Commanding Officer GTMO, stated, “I am very proud of you and all the Seabees here, you are not just TAD here but are part of command and part of our family.”

Additional honors were given later that day during a ceremony held at the Seabee compound. BU2 Ribaric received a Certificate of Appreciation and a Command Coin from JFT Command Sergeant Major, Angel Febles.

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Photos – Sailor of the Week



BU2 Robert Ribaric, of NMCB 4, is named Naval Station Guantanamo Bay’s Sailor of the Week by GTMO Commanding Officer, Captain Leslie J. McCoy.(U.S. Navy Photo by LT Scott Gustin)



BU2 Robert Ribaric, of NMCB 4, receives a Letter of Appreciation from the JTF Command Sergeant Major, CSM Angel Febles. (U.S. Navy Photo by LT Scott Gustin)



BU2 Ribaric, of NMCB 4, putting the finishing touches on the first of two SEAhuts.
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